

**BOWERS CASE
SAVES MUCH**DIVERSION OF COUNTY FUNDS
MUST BE STOPPED.**THE DECREE IS ONLY MODIFIED**

Supreme Court Upholds Judge Calkins in Every Point in the Case Excepting Regarding the \$18,000 Appropriation.

The full text of the decision in the Benton Bowers bridge case has been received in this city, and instead of being a reversal of Judge Calkins it sustains him in all but one point and modifies the injunction in one point.

The decision as handed down decides that the county court has been at fault in mixing the road and general funds, and that the acts of the court in past years in paying for road work out of the general fund have been illegal. Hereafter it will be compulsory to keep the funds separate and when one fund is exhausted it will not be possible to use the money from the other fund for any but the purposes of the fund to which it belongs.

Another point in which the suit means a great deal to the taxpayers of Jackson county is in compelling Medford and the P. & E. railway to pay \$16,000 toward the Medford bridge. At the time of the signing of the contract for the bridge by the county board there was no talk of Medford or the railway company donating toward the bridge. It was apparently the plan to pay the entire \$34,000 out of the county funds. After the Bowers suit was started the city and railway came into court with the proposal to pay \$16,000 toward the bridge, but according to all accounts there has been no promise of record, except as it was entered into the pleadings of the case. The supreme court, however, enjoined the county court from paying over the \$18,000 that would be the county's portion of the cost of the bridge until the city and the railway company has paid in the \$16,000 which they promised. Thus the Bowers case has saved the treasury \$16,000, even if the county does have to pay \$18,000 toward the bridge.

Had the rule that the two funds (road and general) must be kept separate been complied with in the past, then the large amount of warrants now outstanding against the general fund, many of which were issued for road work, would not have been issued, and the county would have been in much better shape, and all of her warrants would have been kept at par. Even the Medford papers admit that the law has been violated during the past four years, as was alleged before the recent election. The Mail-Tribune in an editorial Friday last says:

"The suit brought by Benton Bowers has not been in vain. Though based upon prejudice and false legal premises, it has indicated clearly the cause of warrants being at a discount—and in all probability the new county court will rigidly enforce the law. If it does not, the bondholders of officials should."

The contention of Messrs. Bowers and Carleton and their attorney, Mr. Briggs, was upheld upon every point except as to whether the road in question was a county road, or a city street within the meaning of the law. This question the court will be asked to reconsider in a motion for a rehearing which is being prepared by Mr. Briggs, and which will be submitted by him in the near future. The rules of the Oregon supreme court, which allow only an hour verbal argument in a case of this character, did not give Mr. Briggs a chance to more than touch upon this phase of the question, and he hopes to be able to convince the court that it should reconsider its decision in this particular.

Hotel Ashland Dining Room.
The Hotel Ashland dining room is now open under new management. Dinner and supper are served at 25 cents each, and short order breakfasts are served. Dining room open from 6:30 a. m. to 8 p. m. There will be a fine Christmas dinner served at 75 cents per plate. Mrs. E. J. Mahan, who is in charge, is an experienced caterer and will serve the patrons of the hotel in the best of style.

—Have your suit pressed up for Christmas at Orres' Tailoring Shop. We call. Phone 141.

TRAINED TURKEYS.

Texas Man Will Have Them at Panama-Pacific Exposition.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Frank Hoiser of Houston, Texas, has informed the exposition that he has raised a large bunch of full-blooded Bronze turkeys and being a horse and dog trainer, has succeeded after six months' hard work and study, in training the turkeys to do numerous stunts. He says:

"I will drive one hundred head of fancy gobblers with one or more lines in hand, hitched to a beautiful band wagon, carrying twelve musicians, twelve pieces of class music, the best I can select.

"Then I propose to bring another hundred head or upwards of fancy gobblers, dressed as Turk soldiers, carrying their guns and paraphernalia.

"I will also have classy trotting gobblers in trotting horse racing harness and sulkeys, and will trot turkey races under trotting rules before your grand stands, crowds or places selected.

"I will have turkey clowns of comic types. I will have another hundred head of fancy side steppers and trotters that will march to signal, strut to signals and gobble to signals.

"I propose to have these turkeys dressed in very fancy regalia, and the largest and finest specimens will be selected. Beautiful fowls, weighing as near 50 pounds apiece as I can get them. It will take several thousand turkeys to select these from, because it is not every turkey that will train.

"I propose to put on an exhibition daily during your entire exposition with the exception of windy and rainy days, because turkeys will not perform in heavy wind or rain."

Get Her An Economical Gift—A Gray Dress Form.

This advertisement means \$2.00 if presented at the Gray Model Shop at Enders' before December 31. We guarantee this individual form to be an exact reproduction of your figure, built in strict conformity to individual lines and curves of the body. Does not chip off, crack or break. Removable, adjustable arms and completed stand your exact height.

AGAIN IN BUSINESS

Win Crowson Buys Confectionery Store Which He Formerly Owned With Hum Pracht.

Win Crowson, who recently returned from Portland, has purchased of Hum Pracht the confectionery store in the Meikel building which the two gentlemen opened in the summer of 1911. Since leaving Ashland a few months ago Mr. Crowson has been employed in Sweatland's famous confectionery establishment and returns better fitted than ever to successfully conduct a store of this character. He is an old-time Ashland boy with a host of friends who will be pleased to have him back in this city.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Congregational Church Gathered at Supper.

On Wednesday evening last the First Congregational church of this city held its annual business meeting and banquet. There were 125 members who sat down to supper. After supper the annual election was held, all of the officers of the church being re-elected, as follows:

Clerk—L. E. Stennett.
Treasurer—W. O. Dickerson.
Trustees—W. O. Dickerson and Charles A. Gray.

Deacons—Walter Powell and Percy Stratton.
Miss Edith O. Porter was elected superintendent of the Sunday school to succeed A. C. Joy.

Mrs. W. O. Dickerson was elected pianist and Rose Thomas assistant pianist.

Christmas Specials at Ideal Grocery.

Phone 156.
California head lettuce, 10c
Oregon cauliflower, 15c and 20c
California radishes, bunch, 5c
Ripe tomatoes, lb., 10c
Green peas, lb., 15c
Cranberries, lb., 15c
New crop mixed nuts, lb., 20c
Special mixed candy, lb., 12 1/2c
Homemade apple butter, lb., 10c
Red and blue sugar, fancy cake candy, etc.

—A few nice quinces left yet at the Ashland Trading Co.

Christmas Eve.

Dream, little child! The shadows fall.
Over the land the mystic veil
That hides the morrow from our eyes
Is swaying in the starlight pale.
Dream, little child! 'Tis Christmas eve.
Dream while the magic hours glide by.
Each wind that blows the snowflakes wild
Is laden with sweet mystery.



Dream, little child! The glowing coals
Are painting pictures on the wall.
Out from the quivering shadows there
You almost hear the thrilling call
Of "Merry Christmas, little maid!
I hope I've brought your heart's desire,"
And Santa's shadow just above
Grows lifelike by the leaping fire.

Dream, little child! The Christmas air
Is glowing with your visions bright,
And all the joys tomorrow holds
Are shining on the page of night.
Dream, little child! And may the years
To you their richest treasures leave,
And may all happy dreams prove real
That come to you this Christmas eve!

SEYMOUR AND SPANOS CONDEMNED TO DIE

Must Pay Penalty for Murder of Geo. Dedoskelous on Gallows on February Fourteenth Next

Unless Governor West intervenes, Frank Seymour and Mike Spanos, convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of George Dedoskelous in Medford in September, will die on February 14, which date was fixed by Circuit Judge Calkins shortly after noon Saturday in the circuit court. The two murderers heard the sentence of death unflinchingly, but Judge Calkins in passing sentence broke down and was very much affected, being forced to pause several times.

Mike Spanos was the first to be sentenced. When asked whether he had anything to say why sentence should not be imposed, he stated that he hoped the men who had committed the murder would come forward and confess, as he was innocent.

Just Arrived.

Angle & Richardson, lessees of the Dreamland picture house, have today received from Portland a new Powers' 6 A motion picture machine, which is the very latest and best machine to be had. It will be installed immediately. Come and see the best pictures ever shown in Ashland.

Cider Delivery.

Powell Bros.' pure apple cider delivered to any part of the city. Phone 130. 50-11

—Ladies' and gents' clothing made, altered and relined at Fuller's, 81 Oak street. Phone 119.

The sentencing of Seymour followed immediately afterwards. He also was asked if he had anything to say, but did not answer other than to shake his head.

Following the passing of sentence the two were returned to the county jail. They will be taken to the state penitentiary to await execution.

It is understood that R. E. McCabe for Seymour will attempt to appeal the case, seeking a new trial. The action of attorneys for Spanos is not known.

This was the second time Judge Calkins has imposed the death sentence. He sentenced Mike Morgan, who was executed December 13. Philly Doyle and Frank Martin, convicted of larceny, were given an indeterminate sentence of from one to seven years.

Basketball Hurts Girls' Nerves.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Young women students at Cornell will not be allowed to play basketball with other colleges in future because of the high nervous tendencies resulting. The athletic council took this step upon the recommendation of Dr. Esther Parker, who told the council that intercollegiate games were injurious.

—One-half off on trimmed hats, shapes and fancy feathers, and 25 per cent off on beavers at Mrs. Simons', 167 East Main. 56-11

—Our store will be open nights until Xmas. H. G. Enders & Son.

EXHIBITION ILLUMINATION.

Panama-Pacific Exposition Under Charge of Expert.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Describing the illumination of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, W. D. A. Ryan, the illuminating engineer, who planned the lighting of Niagara Falls and the wonderful illuminating of the Hudson-Fulton celebration, said:

"One of the special features will be the introduction of jewels in the place of incandescent lamps so commonly used at previous expositions. The whole effect will be surmounted by a 48 electric scintillator, one for each state, which will be mounted off the main axis of the exposition, about five or six thousand yards out in the water. It will be placed on barges anchored in the bay, and will require 60 trained men to operate the lights. These will go through an evolution of color, forming auroras and various effects in the sky and over the exposition, and will spread like a great lily, and will be seen in all the surrounding bay cities and on clear nights will be visible in the sky for 40 or 50 miles.

"We have a great deal of fog here and this will assist us greatly in producing wonderful lighting effects.

"The lighting of this exposition will, without doubt, surpass anything in lighting in the world's history. One of the strongest features of the lighting will be the fact that effects will be produced here that have never been seen before.

"The entire lighting is new in every respect and it marks an epoch in illumination. The advance since the last big exposition in science and art of electric engineering and development of electric apparatus has been so great that we are now able to produce effects with economy which would have been physically impossible five or six years ago. In other words, the exposition is to be a magnificent picture by night, with the architectural splendor brought out to the best possible advantage in both form and color, maintaining the daylight perspective."

—You can get the Hoover suction sweeper, absolutely the best made, at Simpson's Hardware Store.

CONWAY CO. IS BACK

Building Firm Completes \$10,000 Worth of Work at Yreka in Ninety Days.

The F. E. Conway Company are back in Ashland for the winter, having just completed \$10,000 worth of business in 90 days at Yreka, Cal., having built three modern bungalows, one for W. E. Combrink, reporter in the superior court; one for James A. Thomas, vice-president of the Siskiyou County Bank, and one for C. E. Butler, a leading attorney and abstractor, and a garage for James Lodge, superior court judge for Siskiyou county. They are all occupying their homes and voice nothing but praise of the company's work.

Christmas Dinner at the Park.

The Park Hotel will serve a first-class five-course Christmas dinner from noon to 3 p. m. This dinner will equal any served in the city and will cost you only 50 cents per plate. The following is the menu:

MENU.
Oyster Cocktail.
Soup—Rivel.
Dill Pickles.
Tenderloin of Sole with Tartar Sauce
Potatoes Natural.
Pressed Chicken with Quince Jelly.
Waldorf Salad.
Young Pig with Baked Apples.
Stuffed Goose with Cranberry Sauce.
Mashed Potatoes. Cauliflower.
Desserts:
Suet Pudding with Hard Sauce.
Apple Pie. Mince Pie. Pumpkin Pie.
Assorted Cake.

Ashland Apples in Oklahoma.

Word received today from Ed Estes, who is in Muskogee, Okla., states that the recent shipment of apples forwarded him by the Commercial Club reached there in good shape. He further says: "They were certainly fine, and I think they will make quite a hit. I will try to get a good show window and place them on display. After that I will pass them around where I think they will do the most good." He also adds to the letter that he is confident this locality will receive some substantial Oklahoma boosting.

—Sterling silver photo frames \$1 to \$4 at Whited's.

**CHRISTMAS AT
THE CHURCHES**YOUNGSTERS TO BE HAPPY ON
CHRISTMAS EVE.**TREES AT MOST OF CHURCHES**Annual Holiday Will Be Celebrated
at Nearly Every Church in the City
on Christmas Eve—Musical and
Literary Programs.

There will be "something doing" in nearly every church in the city Christmas eve. In nearly every instance there will be a distribution of goodies to the younger children, while in many cases it will include more substantial gifts. In several schools the children will be taught to think of others.

Congregational Church.

At the Congregational church there will be a play entitled "The Garden of the Fairies." In addition to this there will be recitations, songs, etc. There will be the time-honored Christmas tree, with its goodies for the little ones. The children are also asked to bring gifts for children less highly favored than themselves.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

At the Methodist Episcopal church, following the rule of the local church established several years ago, the children, instead of receiving presents, have been asked to bring them for distribution among the poor of the city. The evening's entertainment will consist of the cantata, "Around the Manger." This beautiful piece will be put on under the direction of Mrs. G. W. Gregg, assisted by Dr. Tilton and the church choir. There will be no tree at this church.

Presbyterian Church.

The Presbyterian church will celebrate with a tree and will have a fine musical program under the direction of the chorister, Professor Howell Isaac. There will be the usual goodies for the little folks.

Baptist Church.

At the Baptist church, which will hold its exercises on Tuesday evening, there will be a cantata given, entitled "Santa's Elves." There will also be other musical numbers by the choir and Sunday school. There will be a Christmas tree, with the usual treat of good things for the children.

Christian Church.

At the Christian church the entertainment will consist of the cantata, "Santa Claus at His Best." There will be about twenty musical selections in the cantata, which will also include a fairy drill in costume. Uncle Sam, John Bull, the "Little People of the Unknown" and others will be present.

There will also be a Christmas tree and the Sunday school is providing a treat of homemade candies for the little ones. All are invited to bring presents for their friends and place them upon the tree. The cantata is under the charge of Miss Maud J. Hawley, assisted by Olive Thorne and Walter L. Smith, while Miss Cornelia Larson has charge of the Christmas tree.

Mad King Otto to Be Dethroned in Near Future.

Munich, Bavaria, Dec. 20.—Dethronement of Mad King Otto and the installment of Prince Ludwig, the prince regent of Bavaria, is the plan of the Bavarian premier, who imparted this information today to the speaker of the Bavarian diet. Otto has never known that he is a royal personage and his dethronement is planned for early in 1913.

An amendment to the constitution to be submitted at a special session of the diet in January, by which the regency would receive the title of king, is the way Otto's dethronement is to be accomplished.

Sweatland's Chocolates in Ashland.

Win Crowson, back at the old stand, 171 East Main, is prepared to supply your wants in high-grade homemade chocolates with a big shipment from "Sweatlands." Portland's popular sweet shop. In holly boxes at no advance in price—50 cents the pound. It's strictly fresh!

—Dr. Endelman desires to announce that he is in his office again after a three weeks' illness. His office hours are from 9 to 12 and 1 to 5. Telephone 15.

—Kodaks at H. L. Whited's.